

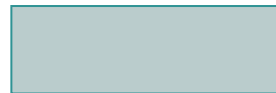
# DOE Mentor-Protégé Program

**Preparing Small Businesses For The Next Level In  
Government Contracting**

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# PROGRAM GOAL

Increase the overall  
number of small  
business entities eligible  
to receive DOE contract  
and subcontract awards.



FY 2014

Exceed  
6.59%  
annual prime small  
business goal ,  
52%  
small business  
subcontracting goal,  
and  
statutory socio-  
economic  
goals

# PROGRAM HISTORY

**June 9, 1995**, the DOE Mentor-Protégé Program Pilot Initiative was launched. The initiative was designed to encourage management and operating contractors (M&Os) Environmental Restoration management contractors and DOE prime contractors to assist energy-related small disadvantaged, 8(a), and women-owned small businesses to enhance their businesses and technical capabilities to ensure full participation in the mission of DOE. (Volume 60 Federal Register 30529)

**May 22, 2000**, a permanent DOE Mentor Protégé Program (MPP) was launched having the same goals and objectives as the pilot program. The permanent program amended DOE acquisition regulations to include small and disadvantaged firms certified by the Small Business Administration under Section 8(a) of the Small Business Act, other small disadvantaged businesses, Historically Black Colleges and Universities and other minority institutions of higher learning it also provided additional incentives for prime contractor participation in the program and (Volume 65 FR 21367)

**DOE is one of fourteen federal agencies with a MPP.**

# Program Regulations

## Code of Federal Regulations

### TITLE 48 — FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATIONS SYSTEM [ 48 CFR ]

### PART 919 — SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAMS [48 CFR 919]

#### •Subpart 919.70 — The Department of Energy Mentor-Protégé Program

##### •919.7001 — Scope of subpart

##### •919.7002 — Definitions

##### •919.7003 — General policy

##### •919.7004 — General prohibitions

##### •919.7005 — Eligibility to be a Mentor

##### •919.7006 — Incentives for DOE contractor participation

##### •919.7007 — Eligibility to be a Protégé

##### •919.7008 — Selection of Protégés

##### •919.7009 — Process for participation in the program

##### •919.7010 — Contents of Mentor-Protégé Agreement

##### •919.7011 — Developmental assistance

##### •919.7012 — Review and approval process of agreement by OSDBU

##### •919.7013 — Reports

##### •919.7014 — Solicitation provision

*Above guidelines are also in the Department of Energy Acquisition Regulations (DEAR) Subpart 919.70*

# PROGRAM BENEFITS FOR MENTOR

- Helping small businesses and minority institutions of higher learning **expand their capacity** through the developmental and technical assistance provided.
- Equipping small businesses and minority institutions of higher with the knowledge, skills and capabilities needed to **successfully compete** for DOE prime contracts.
- Utilizing the **unique/specialized skills of the Protégé**.
- Opportunity to award non-competitive subcontracts to Protégés or other DOE Protégés in the program.
- **Reimbursement** of allowable **costs only to the extent that they are** incurred in performance of a contract identified in the Mentor-Protégé Agreement and are otherwise allowable in accordance with the cost principles applicable to that contract.
- Receive **credit** for subcontracts awarded pursuant to MPP Agreement(s) **toward subcontracting goals** contained in their subcontracting plan.

# PROGRAM BENEFITS FOR PROTÉGÉ

- **Receiving** technical and developmental **assistance** from an established DOE prime contractor.
- **Gaining the knowledge, skills and capabilities needed to successfully compete for DOE prime contracts.**
- **Building relationships** with small and/or large businesses to form teaming arrangements and/or joint ventures.
- Eligible to **receive a non-competitive subcontract** from Mentor under contract identified in the agreement.

# CURRENT PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

## MENTOR

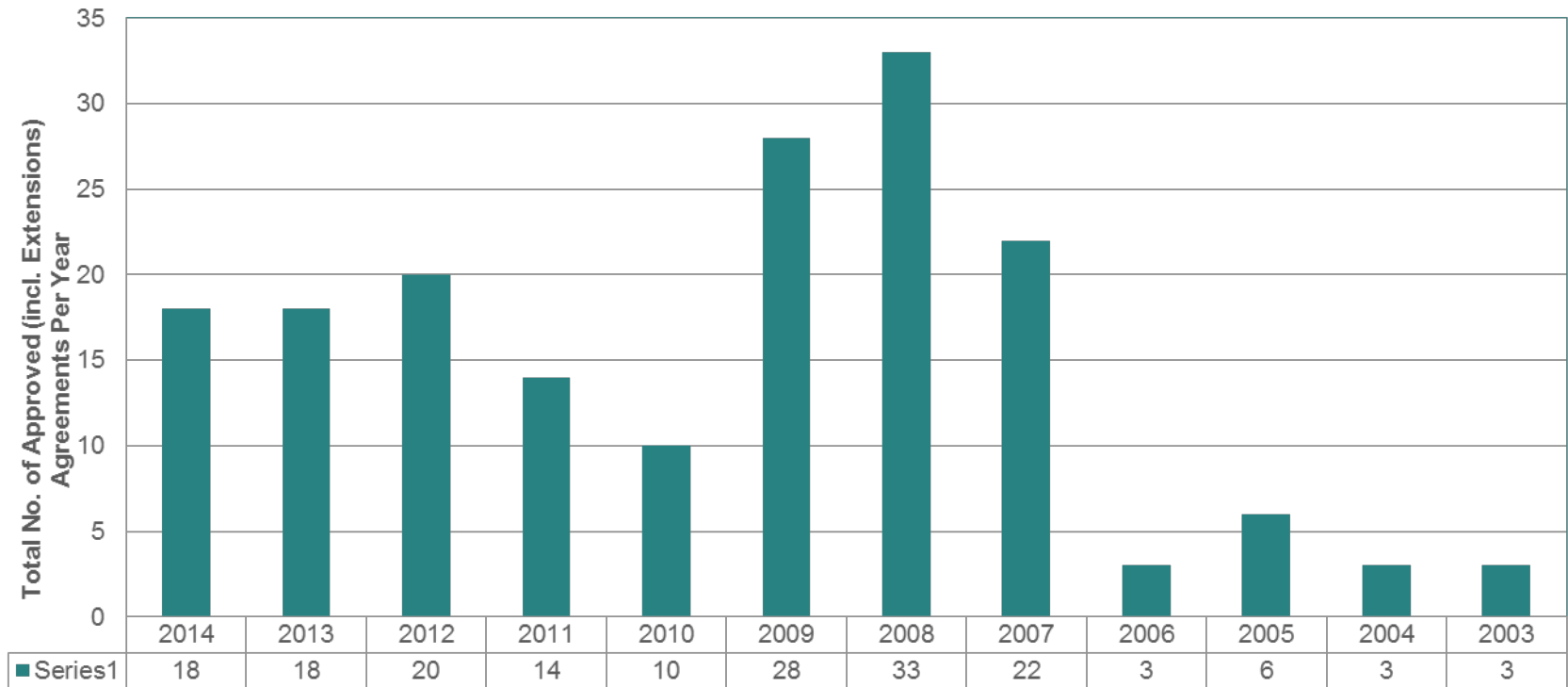
- Must have an active contract with DOE;
- Must be in favorable financial health, including profitability for at least the last two years;
- Must be a federal contractor in good standing;
- Must have at least one negotiated subcontracting plan as required by Far 19.7.

## PROTÉGÉ

- Must be a small and disadvantaged firms certified by the Small Business Administration under Section 8(a) of the Small Business Act, other small disadvantaged business, Historically Black Colleges and Universities and other minority institutions of higher learning;
- Must be in business a minimum of 2 years;
- Must be eligible for receipt of government contracts;
- Must be able to certify as a small business according to the Standard Industrial Code for the services/supplies to be provided by the Protégé under its subcontract with the Mentor.

# PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## MPP Agreements Approved (incl. extensions) Annually



# Program Path Forward

- Automate program via I-Portal for internal use;
- Post program overview, regulations and sample docs on OSDBU website;
- Work with Heads of Contracting Activities to ensure compliance with 919.7014 (Solicitation Provision)
- Conduct one-on-one meetings with Prime; contractors to promote the program;
- Conduct an annual meeting with Mentors and Protégés;
- Implement policy changes to ensure small businesses most in need of assistance are in the program.

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